RESEARCH MATERIALS

The library has both print and online resources that you can use while you are in the library:

Laws: State and federal statutes, and city and county codes.

Court Rules: Federal, state, and local court rules. **Legal Practice Guides:** Washington Practice, Deskbooks, and other materials that can help you understand the law.

Cases: State and federal appellate court opinions along with finding aids to help you find appropriate cases.

Online databases: Both Lexis and Westlaw including Washington-specific materials, all cases and statutes nationally, forms and examples, and more.



ONLINE CATALOG

Most of the library's collection is available to search in the online catalog. Library materials are for research purposes so need to be used in the library.

FORMS

The library has forms for subject areas such as debt collection, adoption, and civil lawsuits as well as for many situations including family law, real property, probate, and guardianship.

Many forms are specific to Washington, but there are also national form book sets that can be adapted to other situations.

The mandatory court forms for divorce, parentage, relocation, visitation, modification, and third-party custody are also available.



SELF-HELP FORM KITS

The library sells self-help kits with forms and instructions on topics including:

- residential eviction for landlords:
- garnishment after a judgment;
- gun rights restoration;
- filing a claim on a contractor's bond;
- transfer on death deed;
- probate with or without a will;
- · small estate affidavit;
- starting a civil lawsuit.

Form kits can be purchased with cash or credit/debit card. Kit prices vary.

COMPUTERS

The library has two computers that can be used for legal research. A librarian can help you learn how to conduct a search. Time limits apply. Printing is available for 25 cents per page.

COPIERS

There are two photocopiers in the library that you can use. Copies are 15 cents per page, and the copiers accept cash or credit/debit cards.

LIMITATIONS



The information provided by the library is not intended to substitute for legal or professional advice. You should consult with a lawyer about how information you find may or may not apply to your unique situation.

Law librarians are prohibited by law from offering legal advice or opinions on legal issues.

MORE HELP

Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries Staff are available to help you find info. Libraries have computers, printers, and photocopiers. www.fvrl.org

Washington Law Help Legal education materials and tools that give basic info on many legal problems. www.washingtonlawhelp.org

Washington Courts
State court info including new court opinions,
court rules, and some downloadable forms.
Information about the State Law Library.
www.courts.wa.gov

Revised Code of Washington Washington state statutes (laws). https://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw

Washington Administrative Code Washington state regulations. https://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/

Washington State Judicial Opinions Search the published appellate decisions from the State Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. https://www.lexisnexis.com/clients/wareports

Clark County Rental Association Information for landlords and tenants. www.clarkcountyrentalassociation.org

Tenants Union of Washington State Information about tenant's rights. www.tenantsunion.org

Washington State Attorney General Consumer protection information. www.atg.wa.gov

Safe Choice Domestic Violence Hotline 360.695.0501

DSHS Child Support Enforcement 360.696.6100

FAMILY COURT FACILITATOR

Facilitators can help you select forms and follow procedures in family law cases. Their office is located on the first floor of the Courthouse. They accept walk-ins only and no phone calls. There is a \$20 fee for this service.

LEGAL HELP

Also see the Library's Legal help webpage

- SW WA Lawyer Referral Service 360.695.0599
- Clark County Volunteer Lawyers Program 360.395.5313
- WSBA Moderate Means Program 1.855.741-6930
- Northwest Justice Project CLEAR 1.888.201.1014

Clark County Bar Association www.ccbawashington.org

Washington State Bar Association www.wsba.org

CLARK COUNTY LAW LIBRARY



Clark County Courthouse 1200 Franklin Street Vancouver, WA 98660 www.clark.wa.gov/law-library lawlibrary@clark.wa.gov 564.397.2268

Monday, Wednesday, Friday walk-in from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday email and phone from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The library is closed on all federal holidays whenever the courthouse is closed.

A law librarian is available to help you find materials.